

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and International Preliminary Examination Report:

1. (currently amended) A method of control of at least one electronic appliance with the aid of a distant device such as a remote control comprising means of control and a means of selection of an appliance from amongst several, each means of control being associated with a code predefined in the device, each appliance also being associated with a code predefined in the device, said method comprising a step of activating the device in a first mode ~~(3.1, 3.5)~~ where the means of control preferentially command the appliance selected by the means of selection,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein it furthermore comprises the steps :

- ~~a step of~~ programming ~~(3.2)~~ at least one association between a means of control and an appliance,
- ~~a step of~~ activating the device in a second mode ~~(3.4)~~ so as to render active all the associations performed during the programming step, said activating step being triggered by the means of selection, the activation of a means of control in the second mode consisting in transmitting at least the predefined code associated with the activated means of control and the predefined code of at least one appliance associated during the programming step.

2. (currently amended) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of commanding associations during the programming step prohibiting the programming of prohibited associations.

3. (currently amended) The method of control as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an attempt to program a prohibited association triggers the transmission of an alert signal.

4. (currently amended) The method of control as claimed in ~~one of claims 1, 2 or 3~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein it comprises a step of displaying a visual identifier of an appliance, said step being triggered when the device is in the second mode and when the user activates a means of control associated with this appliance.

5. (currently amended) The method of control as claimed in ~~any of claims 1, 2 or 3~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the programming step ~~(3.2)~~ comprises a first step of selecting an appliance and a step of selecting several means of control at one and the same time, these means of control being associated with this appliance.

6. (currently amended) The method of control as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the programming step comprises a first step of selecting a means of control and a step of selecting several appliances at one and the same time, these appliances being associated with this means of control.

7. (currently amended) The method of control as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the programming step ~~(3.2)~~ makes it possible to define at least one set of associations, and in that it comprises a step of selecting a set of associations making it possible to activate this set when the device is in the second mode.

8. (currently amended) A device for the remote control of a plurality of electronic appliances, comprising means of control ~~(6)~~ and a means of selection ~~(8)~~ of an appliance from among the plurality, each means of control being associated with a code predefined in the device, each appliance also being associated with a code predefined in the device, the whole collection of means of control ~~(6)~~ commanding in a favored manner the appliance selected by the means of selection ~~(8)~~,
characterized in that wherein it comprises:

- a means of programming ~~(2, 3, 6, 8)~~ of at least one association between at least one means of control and at least one appliance,
- a means of activation ~~(2, 3, 8)~~ of all the associations programmed so that each associated control commands at least the appliance which is associated therewith by the programming means ~~(2, 3, 6, 8)~~ so that the activation of a means of control triggers the transmission of at least the predefined code associated with the activated means of control and the predefined code of at least one appliance associated by the programming means.

9. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the means of programming ~~(2, 3, 6, 8)~~ comprises a means of commanding the associations ~~(2, 3)~~ prohibiting the programming of prohibited associations.

10. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a means of transmitting a visual or audible alert signal ~~(9)~~ during an attempt to program a prohibited association.

11. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in ~~one of~~ ~~claims 8, 9 or 10,~~ claim 8, wherein it comprises a means of display of an identifier of the appliance ~~(9)~~; said means being activated when a means of control associated with this appliance ~~(9)~~ is activated.

12. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in ~~claim 11,~~ claim 8, wherein the means of display of an identifier of appliance ~~(9)~~ is integrated into the means of selection of an appliance.

13. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8 to 12,~~ claim 8, wherein the means of programming ~~(2, 3, 6, 8)~~ comprises a means of selection of a means of control ~~(6)~~ and a means of selection ~~(8)~~ of several appliances, so that the means of control selected is associated with each of the appliances.

14. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8 to 12~~, characterized in that claim 8, wherein the programming means ~~(2, 3, 6, 8)~~ comprises a means of selection of an appliance and a means of selection of several means of control ~~(8)~~, so that the appliance selected is associated with each of the means of control.

15. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 9 to 14~~, under the dependency of claim 9, characterized in that wherein the control device comprises a touch screen displaying the permitted associations.

16. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that claim 8, wherein it comprises a means of selection of at least one set of associations ~~(2, 3, 6)~~, the programming means ~~(2, 3, 6, 8)~~ being adapted to program the set of associations selected by said means, and in that the means of activation ~~(8)~~ activates only the associations of the selected set.

17. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that claim 8, wherein the means of selection of appliance ~~(8)~~ consists of a switch comprising as many positions as appliances to be commanded plus a position activating the programmed associations.

18. (currently amended) The control device as claimed in claim 17, ~~under the dependency of claim 16~~, characterized in that wherein the means of selection of a set of associations comprises a switch possessing as many positions as sets, this means of selecting sets being activated when the means of selection of appliance ~~(8)~~ is in the position activating the associations.